

CASTRO FREES 3 CIA AGENTS

Operatives Were Among 21
Americans Released

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Washington, April 24 (R) - Three

Central Intelligence agents were among the 21 American prisoners whom Fidel Castro swapped for four of his followers held in this country, congressional sources said today.

They said the Cuban Prime Minister was aware that some of the men he was turning loose were for the CIA. But it was not clear whether he was certain of their identities.

The CIA declined to comment on the report, as did other Government officials.

But classified informants indicated that the secret agents were three men who figured in a sensational 1960 case in which the Cubans accused them of espionage. The trio, all of whom were on the list of prisoners returned this week, are Daniel L. Carswell, of Eastchester, N.Y.; Eustace H. Danbrunt, of Baltimore and Edmund K. Taransky, of New York.

Spelling Variation
The names used by the Castro Government in 1960, however, had a spelling variation except for Carswell. The other two were listed as Eustace Dan Brunet and Edmund K. Taransky.

Scripps-Howard Newspapers, in reporting earlier that CIA men were among the prisoners exchanged, said Castro didn't necessarily know who they were. But the Newhouse newspapers' Associated News Service said he was aware that one of them was Carswell, supposedly an engineer but really a CIA undercover agent.

The trio was accused by Cuba in 1960 of espionage directed against the New China News Agency office. The Cuban Government said they were wire tapping experts and had tapped wires of the agency.

In connection with the case, Cuban authorities held briefly, then expelled, a United States Embassy employee, Mrs. Marjorie A. Lennox, secretary to the commercial attache. The Cubans said the three worked in her apartment and in another apartment in the building where she lived.

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Whereabouts Unknown

Carswell, Danbrunt and Taransky all left Miami, Fla., yesterday

without telling the Red Cross, which was helping the refugees, where they were going.

Members of Congress familiar

with the situation said James B.

Monahan, New York attorney, who

arranged the swap with Castro,

was acting under United States

Government orders in making the

arrangement he did. In all, 27

men were released by Havana,

but only 21 returned to this coun-

try.

The Scripps-Howard dispatch

said the United States agreed to

the unusual exchange primarily

to free the captured agents held

in Castro dungeons with Ameri-

can adventurers and soldiers of

fortune.

It was reported that Castro was

especially anxious to gain the re-

lease of Francisco Molina Del-

Rio, 31, a former Castro crony and bodyguard. He was serving a sentence of twenty years to life in New York for killing a 9-year-old girl during a brawl in New York between Castro Cubans and refugee Cubans.

Molina and three alleged sabo-

teurs awaiting trial for plotting

to blow up defense installations

were flown from Florida to Ha-

vana yesterday.

Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of

New York commuted Molina's

sentence with the understanding

that he never come back to the

United States. The Governor said

he did so because the Federal

Government had informed him it

was "necessary in the national in-

terest."

The Justice Department ob-

tained dismissal of charges

against two other Cuban nationals

and a Cuban-American accused of

sabotage conspiracy with the un-

derstanding that they leave the

country immediately. Robert F.

Kennedy, Attorney General, said

the action was "deemed to be in

the national interest."